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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 26-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 26-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Appeal Brief

1. In view of the Appellant's Brief filed on 04/14/2006, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. New grounds of rejection are set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 14, 18, 20, and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adachi (US 6,877,037 B1).

Regarding claim 1 Adachi teaches a system for maintaining data objects distributed on a network (see col. 1, lines 48-50). Adachi teaches a network controller coupled to the network

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and operable to enable data communications including the transmission of a data object update message and a corresponding data object update version sequence number ("OVSN") after receipt of an update request message from a wireless communication device (see col. 1, lines 57-65 and FIG. 1 & FIG. 6). Adachi teaches a receiver coupled to the network and operable to enable data communications with the network controller (col. 3, lines 21-24 and FIG. 2). Adachi teaches the receiver including a memory for storing a data object based on the data object update message and the OVSN (see col. 1, lines 65-67, col. 2, lines 1-2 and FIG. 2). Adachi teaches a processor coupled to the memory and operable to include a last received OVSN in the update request message (see col. 1, lines 51-57).

Regarding claim 2 Adachi teaches a memory for storing the data object based on the data object update message transmitted to the receiver and a corresponding OVSN (see col. 1, lines 57-58 and col. 4, lines 43-44 & 48-52).

Regarding claim 3 Adachi teaches a memory for storing the data object based on the data object update message transmitted to a plurality of receivers that includes the receiver and a corresponding OVSN (see col. 5, lines 59-67).

Regarding claim 4 Adachi teaches incrementing the OVSN for each data object update message transmitted to the receiver (see col. 7, lines 25-29).

Regarding claim 6 Adachi teaches including the latest received OVSN in a message to the network controller (see col. 1, lines 55-57).

Regarding claim 7 Adachi teaches wherein the receiver is a wireless communication device and the network is a wireless network (see col. 3, lines 3-10).

Regarding claim 14 Adachi teaches a receiver for communicating data signals using a network (see col. 3, lines 21-24 and FIG. 2). Adachi teaches a transceiver coupled to the network and operable to receive data communications (see col. 3, lines 21-24 and FIG. 2). Adachi teaches a memory coupled to the transceiver for storing data objects and data object message version sequence numbers (OVSN) transmitted from a network controller in a data communication to the receiver (see col. 1, lines 65-67, col. 2, lines 1-2 and FIG.2). Adachi teaches a processor coupled to the memory and transceiver and operable to include the last received OVSN in a data request message to the network controller (see col. 1, lines 51-57).

Regarding claim 18 Adachi teaches a method of maintaining a distributed object system using a network (see col. 1, lines 48-50). Adachi teaches receiving a data object message with a data object update version sequence number (OVSN) from a network controller (see col. 1, lines 65-67 and col. 2, lines 1-2). Adachi teaches storing data objects on the data object update message and the OVSN; and transmitting the last received OVSN in a subsequent data update request to a network controller (see col. 1, lines 51-57 and FIG. 2).

Regarding claim 20 Adachi teaches a method of maintaining a distributed object system using a network (see col. 1, lines 48-50). Adachi teaches receiving a message from a wireless communication device, the message comprising an object version sequence number (OVSN), the OVSN representing a first state of a data object relating to the wireless communication device (see col. 1, lines 51-57). Adachi teaches comparing the OVSN with a local OVSN, the local OVSN representing a second state of the data object (see col. 1, lines 57-61). Adachi teaches transmitting updated data to the wireless communication device if the OVSN is not equal to the local OVSN (see col. 61-67).

Regarding claim 26 Adachi teaches wherein in the updated data object comprises all data objects (see col. 1, lines 48-50)

Regarding claim 27 Adachi teaches comparing the OVSN with the local OVSN is performed at a network controller (see col. 1, lines 59-62).

Regarding claim 28 Adachi teaches a device as recited in claim 27 and is rejected given the same reasoning as given above.

Claims 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi (US 6,877,037 B1) in view LaDue (US 6,285,868 B1).

Regarding claim 5 Adachi teaches a device as recited in claim 1 except for data object represented in an encoded message. LaDue teaches a data object represented in an encoded message (see abstract and col. 30, lines 32-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the invention adapt to include a data object represented in an encoded message because this would allow for the transmission of application specific data using manipulated data.

Regarding claim 8 Adachi teaches a device as recited in claim 6 except for decoding a message from a receiver, where the message references a data object and includes the receiver's OVSN. Adachi does teach a message that references a data object and includes the receiver's OVSN (see col. 1, lines 61-64). LaDue teaches decoding a message from a receiver, where the message references a data object (see abstract and col. 30, lines 32-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the invention adapt to include decoding a message from a receiver, where the message references a data object and includes the receiver's OVSN because this would allow for the

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transmission of application specific data using manipulated data.

Claims 9-10, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi (US 6,877,037 B1) in view Sakakura (US 6,389,423 B1).

Regarding claim 9 Adachi teaches a device as recited in claim 4 except for wherein the network controller discards messages from the receiver when the receiver's OVSN is less than the last OVSN sent to the receiver. Sakakura teaches discarding messages from a receiver when a receiver's data object update sequence number is less than a last data object update sequence number (see col. 9, lines 59-64). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the invention adapt to include wherein the network controller discards messages from the receiver when the receiver's OVSN is less than the last OVSN sent to the receiver because this would allow for a more efficient method of maintaining and controlling data in a network.

Regarding claim 10 Sakakura teaches a data object that represents a macro message and has a data object number (see col. 8, lines 55-60 and col. 14, lines 48-50).

Regarding claim 15 Adachi teaches a device as recited in claim 14 except for including the largest received OVSN in a message to the network controller. Sakakura teaches including a large received object version sequence number in a message to a network controller (see col. 9, lines 39-44 and col. 14, lines 48-50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the invention adapt to include including the largest received OVSN in a message to the network controller because this would allow for a more efficient method of maintaining and controlling data in a network.

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Claims 11-13, 16-17, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi (US 6,877,037 B1) in view Sakakura (US 6,389,423 B1) and LaDue (US 6,285,868 B1).

Regarding claim 11 Adachi and Sakakura teach a device as recited in claim 10 except for the receiver is further operable to transmit the data object version number to represent the version of the encoded message in a message to the network controller. Adachi does teach the receiver is further operable to transmit the data object version number to represent the version of the encoded message in a message to the network controller (see col. 1, lines 51-57). LaDue teaches an encoded message (see abstract and col. 30, lines 32-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the invention adapt to include the receiver is further operable to transmit the data object version number to represent the version of the encoded message in a message to the network controller because this would allow for the transmission of application specific data using manipulated data.

Regarding claim 12 Adachi, Sakakura, and LaDue teach a device as recited in claim 11 except for decoding the encoded message based on the data object version number received from the receiver. LaDue does teach decoding an encoded message (see abstract and col. 30, lines 32-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the invention adapt to include decoding the encoded message based on the data object version number received from the receiver because this would allow for the transmission of application specific data using manipulated data.

Regarding claim 13 Adachi teaches sending data object update messages and corresponding data object update sequence number to the receiver based on an update

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sequence number included in a message from a receiver (see col. 1, lines 59-65).

Regarding claim 16 LaDue teaches a device as recited in claim 11 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 17 Adachi, Sakakura, and LaDue teach a device as recited in claim 16 except for using the data object to use the data object number in a message to the network controller to identify a version of the encoded messages. Sakakura does teach using a data object number in a message to a network controller to identify a version of date message (see abstract and col. 8, lines 40-48). LaDue does teach decoding an encoded message (see abstract and col. 30, lines 32-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the invention adapt to include using the data object to use the data object number in a message to the network controller to identify a version of the encoded messages because this would allow for the transmission of application specific data using manipulated data.

Regarding claim 19 LaDue teaches a device as recited in claim 11 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "the encoded message" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "the encoded message" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 and 26-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yanaka U.S. Patent No. 5,946,689 discloses a distributed database system and method of detecting contention in data update involved in replication of database data.

Kampe U.S. Patent No. 6,016,107 discloses reliably updating an information service message.

Sugita U.S. Patent No. 6,041,124 discloses a radio communications system and method and mobile communication terminal device.

Hind et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,820,088 B1 discloses a radio communications system and method and mobile communication terminal device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J. Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-7869.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

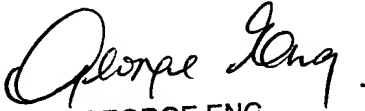
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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